CONSTITUTION
OF THE
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

Mission

We, the Interfraternity Council at California State University, Chico set forth this Constitution and Bylaws in order to cause closer working relationships and coordination among its Member Fraternities and California State University, Chico, in accordance with the policies and standards established by the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC).
Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at California State University, Chico (CSU, Chico).

Article II – Purpose of the IFC

The purpose of the IFC shall be to:
  A. Provide a sovereign governance structure for its Member Fraternities;
  B. Promote the interests of its Member Fraternities;
  C. Promote the interests of men’s fraternities in general;
  D. Discuss questions of mutual interest and present to its Member Fraternities such recommendations as the IFC deems appropriate;
  E. Promote the interests of CSU Chico;
  F. Promote mutual cooperation between the IFC, fellow governing councils, and student organizations at CSU Chico; and
  G. Promote mutual cooperation between the IFC and CSU Chico, its students, faculty, staff, and local community.

Article III – IFC Membership

Section I. Membership Eligibility

Membership in the IFC is open to chapters and colonies of fraternities at CSU Chico, as follows:
  A. Any chapter or colony of a North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) member organization ‘may’ hold membership in the IFC.
  B. Any chapter or colony of a local, state, regional, or inter/national fraternity, which is not a member of the NIC may hold membership in the IFC.
  C. The process of membership expansion shall be regulated by the IFC President.

Section II. Membership Classification

The membership classification of Member Fraternities shall be as follows:
  A. Full Member: Any fraternity chapter or colony which is recognized by its inter/national organization, or any local fraternity chapter. Full Membership grants the Member Fraternity all rights, privileges and responsibilities under the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.
B. Associate Membership grants the Member Fraternity all rights, privileges, and responsibilities under the IFC Constitution and Bylaws, except that it does not have voting privileges, cannot hold IFC Executive Board positions, nor have an IFC Judicial Committee Justice.

C. Member on Probation: Any Member Organization who is deemed to be on probation by the IFC Judicial Board shall retain all rights a Full Member has except the ability to participate in IFC Philanthropies and Panhellenic and Multicultural Greek Chapter serenades and socials. The Judicial Board may allow exceptions to these restrictions during their ruling.

D. Suspension: Any Member Organization who is deemed to be on suspension by the IFC Judicial Board shall have all privileges revoked including, but not limited to, participation in any IFC non-business event, all forms of recruitment, any events with Panhellenic or Multicultural Greek Chapters and all internal fraternity chapter events. The chapter representative may retain their seat at the IFC President’s Council at the discretion of the IFC Executive Council.

Section III. Member Fraternity Minimum Expectations
Each Member Fraternity shall adhere to and abide by the following minimum expectations:

A. Each Member Fraternity shall comply with all policies set forth by
   1. The IFC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and other polices.
   2. The rules and regulations of CSU Chico.
   3. The general values-based conduct of fraternity men.
B. Each Member Fraternity shall maintain a minimum annual cumulative GPA of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
C. Each Member Fraternity shall be current on all IFC dues owed.
D. Each Member Fraternity shall comply with the attendance polices for the IFC Council of Presidents and the IFC Judicial Board, as outlined within this constitution.
E. A Member Fraternity, which has failed to meet any of the minimum expectations outlined in this section, may be referred to the IFC Vice President of Conduct for potential judicial review.
Section IV. Individual Member Definitions
For the purpose of this Constitution and the IFC Bylaws, and with an understanding that each Member Fraternity may have its own terminology for internal use, individuals will be defined as follows:

A. Active Member: An Active Member shall be defined as any man who has been initiated into any fraternity at CSU Chico and is in good standing with his Member Fraternity.
B. New Member: A New Member shall be defined as any man who has accepted a bid to join a fraternity at CSU Chico, but has not been initiated into that fraternity.
C. Potential New Member: A potential New Member shall be defined as any man who has not accepted a bid from any fraternity at CSU Chico.

Section V. IFC Affirmation and Adoption of NIC Standards
The IFC affirms and adopts the NIC Standards, and each Member Fraternity shall be required to meet the following in order to maintain IFC membership:

A. Each Member Fraternity shall regularly communicate the importance of its Active Members and New Members participating in educational programming covering the following topics: academic achievement, alcohol consumption, career preparation, civic engagement, hazing, leadership development, sexual assault/abuse, and values and ethics.
B. Each Member Fraternity shall have policies addressing the following:
   1. A policy requiring any Potential New Member to meet the following minimum educational standards in order to be offered a bid to join:
   2. A policy requiring the Member Fraternity to maintain an annual cumulative GPA of a 2.5.
   3. A policy requiring its New Member Education Program be no longer than eight (8) weeks.
   4. A policy requiring the Member Fraternity to have a prohibition against women’s auxiliary groups, such as “little sisters”.
   5. Risk management policies covering alcohol use, fire safety, hazing, and sexual assault/abuse.
   6. A policy requiring the Member Fraternity to support open recruitment and open expansion practices.
   7. A policy requiring all recruitment activities to be alcohol-free.
8. A policy requiring all New Member Education activities to be alcohol-free.

Article IV – IFC Standing Boards

Section I. IFC Council of Presidents
Individual chapters will be represented on the IFC by their elected president.
A. All official IFC meetings must have each Member Fraternity’s president in attendance. If the president is unable to attend an official meeting their successive executive officer should take their place. Their replacement shall be informed with the topics of discussion by the president prior to the meeting.
B. Any official meeting missed by a representative to the IFC President’s Board shall result in a meeting with the IFC President. All subsequent meetings shall result in a $25 fine and a possible meeting with the Vice President of Conduct.
C. Each president on the IFC Council of Presidents must communicate the minutes of official meetings to their fraternities in order to maintain a well-informed fraternity community.

Section II. IFC Executive Board
The IFC Executive Board shall be responsible for carrying out the purpose and policies of the IFC for its day-to-day operations and activities.
The permanent positions on the IFC Executive Board shall be:
A. President
B. Vice President
C. Vice President of Conduct
D. Vice President of Finance
E. Vice President of Recruitment
F. Vice President of Community Involvement

Section III. Judicial Board
The IFC shall be a self-governing organization with an independent Judicial Board which shall have jurisdiction over cases involve alleged Member Fraternity violations including but not limited to:
A. The IFC Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and other policies.
B. The rules and regulations of CSU Chico.
C. The general values-based conduct of fraternity men.
D. Shall be composed by one IFC Justice from each Member Fraternity.
Article V – IFC Council of Presidents Meeting Policies

Section I. Meetings
The IFC Council of Presidents shall conduct its meetings according to the following requirements:
A. The most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be used to run all meetings.
B. A majority of Member Fraternities present shall constitute a quorum to conduct IFC Council of Presidents Business.
C. All official business meetings shall be attended to by the IFC Executive Board and the Council of Presidents in appropriate attire decided by the Council of Presidents at the beginning of each academic year.
D. The IFC General Body shall conduct regularly scheduled business meetings weekly, with the date and time being decided by a majority vote Council of Presidents at the beginning of each academic year.
E. Special meetings may be called by the IFC President at any time or at the request of two Member Fraternities, with notice of the time, location, and purpose of the special meeting provided to all Member Fraternities at least 12 hours in advance.

Section II. Voting Policies
The IFC Council of Presidents shall operate utilizing the following voting policies:
A. Each Member Fraternity in either good standing or on probation shall have one vote.
B. Individuals holding IFC Executive Board positions are not entitled to a vote.
C. In the event of a tie, the IFC President shall cast the deciding vote.
D. With the exception of the election of IFC Executive Board positions, there shall be no secret ballot vote.

Article VI – IFC Executive Board

Section I. Qualifications of Office
To qualify for nomination to an IFC Executive Board Office, an individual shall:
A. Be in good standing with CSU, Chico; and
B. Be enrolled as a full-time student at CSU, Chico; and
C. Be a full and active member in good standing of a full member fraternity; and
D. Not be serving and/or acting as president or recruitment director of his fraternity after the date of the installation of Executive Council; and
E. Not to be serving and/or acting as president of his fraternity after the installation of the Executive Board, and
F. To be eligible for nomination an individual must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and maintain that for the duration of his term.

Section II. Nomination for Executive Board Office
If an individual qualifies for nomination to an Executive Board Office, as outlined herein, he may accept his nomination.
   A. Nominations will begin two (2) weeks prior to the election date and end at the time of elections.
   B. It is highly encouraged that prospective officers meet with the current officer in the position they plan to run for.
   C. Prospective officers should have a full working knowledge of the position they intend to occupy by reviewing the IFC Constitution, Bylaws, and other relevant officer documents.

Section III. Executive Board Election Procedure
All Executive Board elections shall take place in the following form:
   A. The IFC President shall determine by alphabetical order the order in which candidates shall present. The Vice President shall explain the time limits and signals to the candidates. All candidates shall leave the room and shall be present only when they speak.
   B. Each candidate shall present his qualifications and goals for the office for which he is contending within a time limit of three (3) minutes. However, the candidates for IFC President shall have a time limit of five (5) minutes.
   C. The candidate shall then respond to a question posed by the respective current Executive Board Officer within a time limit of two (2) minutes.
   D. The President’s Council and Executive Council may then question the candidate within a time limit of five minutes. However, the Council of Presidents and Executive Board may question the candidate for IFC President within a time limit of ten (10) minutes.
   E. After all the candidates for an Executive Board Office have presented and all outside speakers have presented, the IFC President shall open the floor to discussion by the Council of Presidents and Executive Board for a two (2) minute discussion on each candidate.
F. IF only one candidate is nominated for an Executive Board Office, the IFC President may allow discussion on whether to have a vote or to keep the position vacant. However, the candidate shall still present his qualifications and goals for the office for which he is contending.

G. Executive Board Officer Candidates shall be elected by a simple majority vote of full member fraternities in good standing. If a simple majority is not reached on a ballot, then the candidate with the least number of votes on each ballot shall be eliminated from contention until one candidate receives a simple majority vote.

H. A current Executive Board Officer appointed by the IFC President shall tabulate the ballots. If a tie occurs, the tie vote shall be announced. The candidates that tied shall address the Council of Presidents and Executive Board again within a time limit of two (2) minutes. The Council of Presidents and Executive Board may then question the candidates within a time limit of five (5) minutes. A second vote shall be taken. The current Executive Board Officer appointed by the IFC President to tabulate the votes shall inform the IFC President of the result of the second vote. If the second vote is tied, the IFC President shall cast one vote to break the tie. The current Executive Board Officer appointed by the IFC President to tabulate the votes shall then announce the new Executive Board Officer.

Section IV. Removal of Office
A member of the Executive Board shall forfeit his office for the following reasons:
A. He is no longer in good standing with CSU, Chico; or
B. He is no longer enrolled as a full-time student at CSU, Chico; or
C. He is no longer a full and active member in good standing of a full Member Fraternity; or
D. He is elected President of his fraternity at any time between the elections meeting at which he was elected and the election meeting at which his successor is elected; or
E. He is serving and/or acting as President of his fraternity after the date of the installation of the Executive Board; or
F. He is elected to a position in his fraternity to direct and/or oversee its recruitment at any time between the election meeting at which he was elected and the election meeting at which his successor is elected; or
G. He is serving and/or acting in a position in his fraternity to direct and/or oversee its recruitment after the date of installation of the Executive Board; or
H. His cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Section V. Removal Procedure
A member of the Executive Board shall be removed from office if he fails to fulfill his duties as a member of the Executive Board and/or the duties of his specific office as outlined herein. A member of the Executive Board may be removed by the following two procedures:
A. The Council of Presidents may move to vote to remove an Executive Board Officer. The Officer shall then hear and respond to the charges against him at the next regular meeting of the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents may then remove the officer with a three-fourths (3/4) vote.
B. The Greek Advisor and the IFC President, acting in the best interest of IFC may together remove an Executive Officer. The Officer shall still hear and respond to the charges against him before his removal. However, the Officer may appeal the decision of the Greek Advisor and the IFC President to the Council of Presidents. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of full members present shall uphold the removal of the Officer.
C. Temporary positions not listed in the Bylaws may exist if approved with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board. During that time the elected officer has one semester to create the position. At the end of that semester another three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council of Presidents is required to keep the position and amended bylaws.

Section VI. Vacancy of Executive Board Office
The IFC Advisor and Executive Board shall address a vacancy of Executive Office. The IFC Advisor and IFC President shall consult the Council of Presidents regarding the vacancy, and arrange an ad hoc election to fill the vacancy, according to the preference of the Council of Presidents.

Article VII - IFC Judicial Board

Section I. Composition
The IFC Judicial Committee shall be composed of one IFC Justice from each Member Fraternity, chosen by that Member Fraternity, and shall be chaired by the IFC Vice President of Conduct.
Section II. Term
Each Chapter’s Justice on the Judicial Board shall be determined by their Chapter’s President and shall serve on the board during the duration of the Vice President of Conduct’s term.

Section III. IFC Judicial Board Hearing Attendance
All IFC Judicial Board hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

A. All IFC Justices assigned to an IFC Judicial Board hearing shall be present in order to conduct business on behalf of the IFC Judicial Committee.

B. Each IFC Justice assigned to an IFC Judicial Board hearing is required to attend the hearing. Failure of an IFC Justice to attend an IFC Judicial Board hearing for which he was assigned to shall result in his Member Fraternity being referred to the IFC Vice President of Conduct for potential judicial review.

Section IV. IFC Judicial Board Hearing Voting Policies
All IFC Judicial Board hearings shall operate utilizing the following voting policies:

A. Each IFC Justice serving on an IFC Judicial Board hearing shall have one vote.

B. A majority vote shall govern all actions of the IFC Judicial Board.

Article VIII – Constitutional Amendments

Section I. Constitutional Amendments
This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the Council of Presidents provided notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to Member Fraternities at the preceding regularly scheduled business meeting of the Council of Presidents.

Section II. Adoption
This Constitution shall become effective and shall supersede all previous Constitutions of the IFC when adopted by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the Council of Presidents.

The Interfraternity Council, CSU Chico
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